

SEC. 23. That no county bonds shall be sold or hypothecated for less than ninety per centum net in money of the par value thereof.

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SEC. 24. That such railroad company shall be authorized to construct and operate a telegraph line.

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SEC. 25. That the directors of the North Carolina penitentiary be and they are hereby authorized to deliver two hundred convicts not otherwise appropriated, to be worked on such railroad as described in the foregoing bill upon such terms as may be agreed upon or provided by law.

Convict labor.

SEC. 26. And the price or compensation for such convict labor shall constitute a first lien on the property and franchise of said company.

Price for convict labor to be a first lien on road, &c.

SEC. 27. That before holding an election or elections to determine whether the counties of Northampton and Bertie or either of them shall subscribe to the stock of said company or aid the same, the county commissioners of said counties shall require to be made an entirely new registration of the qualified voters of said counties respectively, instead of a revision of the registration list:

New registration to be made before election held in Northampton and Bertie counties.

*Provided*, nothing herein contained shall authorize any city, town or county authorities to issue bonds of contribution or subscription in aid of said railroad, unless the question of contribution or subscription shall first be submitted to the qualified voters in said cities, towns and counties and townships respectively and ratified by a majority of the qualified voters in said cities, towns, counties and townships.

Proviso.

SEC. 28. That this act shall be in force from its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 5th day of March, A. D. 1885.